



Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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COSPONSOR The "Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act"

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Dear Colleague,

We invite you to become an original cosponsor of the "Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2005." This legislation will expand the current federal embryonic stem cell policy by allowing scientists to use federal funds to conduct research on the newly developed and more pristine stem cell lines. By implementing stronger ethical guidelines, the legislation ensures improved federal oversight of this important research.

During the 108th Congress, the "Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act" gained the strong bipartisan support of more than 190 cosponsors. The bill was endorsed by leading patient groups, medical research organizations and scientists, including the Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research, the Association of American Universities, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Parkinson's Action Network, and the Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation. Eighty Nobel Laureates have also endorsed an expansion of the current federal policy on embryonic stem cell research. We urge you to cosponsor this important legislation.

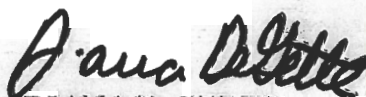
Scientific progress is dependent on collaboration, openness and opportunity. We have only just begun to explore the promise and potential of stem cells to cure and treat disease. The restrictions placed on the current federal stem cell research policy are obstacles to a full understanding and exploration of this pioneering research. The policy must be expanded so that science can prevail.

If you have any questions, please contact: **Elizabeth Wenk** in Rep. Castle's office (5-4165) or **Meghan Taira** in Rep. DeGette's office (5-4431).



Sincerely,

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